



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 867 without my signature.

This bill requires local governments, as specified, within the coastal zone or within the San Francisco Bay to implement sea level rise planning and adaptation through submitting either: (1) a local coastal program to the Coastal Commission, or (2) a subregional San Francisco Bay shoreline resiliency plan to the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC). This bill also requires, by December 31, 2023, the Coastal Commission and BCDC to establish guidelines for the preparation of the specified plans.

In addition, this bill specifies that local governments that receive approval of their applicable sea level rise plan by either the Coastal Commission or BCDC on or before January 1, 2028 shall be prioritized for state sea level rise funding, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to implement projects in a local government's approved plan.

My Administration is supportive of the many efforts already underway for local governments to plan for sea level rise, including the over \$1.2 billion multi-year funding approved in the 2021 and 2022 Budget Acts for coastal protection and adaptation. However, implementation of this bill requires millions of dollars not included in the 2022-23 Budget Act.

With our state facing lower-than-expected revenues over the first few months of this fiscal year, it is important to remain disciplined when it comes to spending,

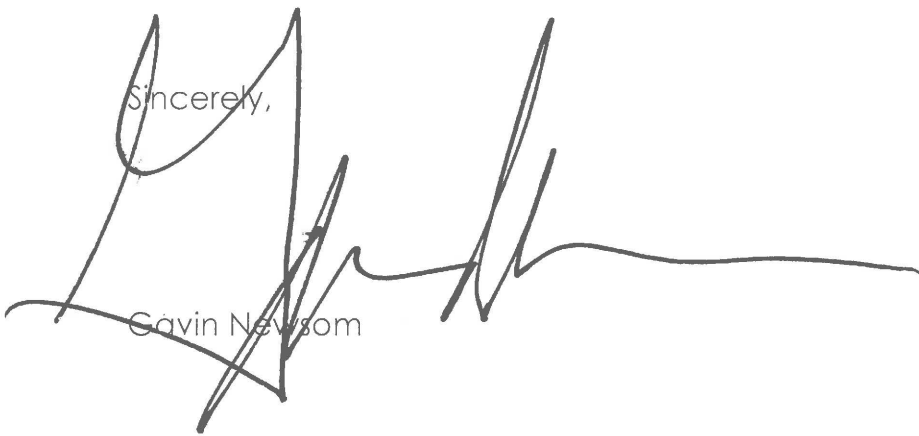


particularly spending that is ongoing. We must prioritize existing obligations and priorities, including education, health care, public safety and safety-net programs.

The Legislature sent measures with potential costs of well over \$20 billion in one-time spending commitments and more than \$10 billion in ongoing commitments not accounted for in the state budget. Bills with significant fiscal impact, such as this measure, should be considered and accounted for as part of the annual budget process.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gavin Newsom". The signature is stylized and overlaps with the printed name below it.

Gavin Newsom